

'T WAS A LIVELY MEETING

Members of the School Board Enjoy a Small-Sized Circus.

THEY USED GOOD ENGLISH

Professors Russell and Riley indulge in a Wordy Battle—How it All Happened.

BUTTE, Nov. 2.—The meeting of the school board this evening was after the slow motion and red fire order. Superintendent Russell and Mr. Riley nearly came to blows, and had it not been for intervention of Trustee McMillan, the warring educators would have had a fluster encounter. "You're a liar," said Mr. Russell to his doughty antagonist, as that gentleman was making some assertion which reflected upon Mr. Riley in some manner. With one bound Mr. Riley made a jump for Mr. Russell, and it looked for a time as if the differences existing between these two gentlemen would be settled after the most approved prize ring methods.

The meeting was opened by the trustees listening to a few remarks by Professor King of Helena. The gentleman wishes to introduce into the schools his system of charts for the study of the preservation of the eyesight. He stated that his system had been adopted in the schools of Helena, and good results had been attained. The matter was taken under consideration.

A complaint was made that on last Sunday the playing of the front porch of the Centerville school house was broken through. There is a Sunday school in this building, and it is thought the damage was done by some of the scholars who attend.

The legal opinion of Hon. H. J. Hassell, attorney general, in regard to certain questions presented to him by the board pertaining to school books, was read. It substantiated it said that "whenever it shall appear to the board of trustees that a sufficient number of pupils in the district who required educational facilities that cannot be obtained in the common schools, and who should be instructed in the higher branches of learning, so as to fit them for college, the trustees are authorized to establish such schools and designate what books of learning shall be used and what branches shall be taught therein.

Therefore, when it shall appear that a class in the district of high school is pursuing a study, any books necessary may be used.

The applications of teachers were received from Juliette Dow, Mary E. Crote, Rose J. Goodlove and Mrs. M. S. Brush. The resignations of Mary Quinn and Alice N. Roberts were received and accepted. On motion of Mr. McMillan, Miss Coleman was elected to fill the position made vacant by Miss Quinn and Mrs. Brush that of Miss Roberts.

A number of bills against the department were read. The principal items were the account of E. E. Calkins for \$246.78, for supplies; Rickards & Schatzman, painting, \$557.93; Montana Lumber company, \$16.21; Rickards & Lewis, rent, \$100. Warrants for the amounts were ordered drawn, together with the warrants for the salaries of the teachers, amounting to \$4,812.75.

In conformity with the statutes a census of school district No. 1 must be taken between the 20th and 30th of this month. The clerk was instructed to take the matter in hand and hire sufficient help to do the work.

The application of Mrs. Rice, a teacher of the Central school, for an increase in salary from \$80 to \$100 a month, was refused. Mary H. Quinn of the Centerville school said that the janitor of that building was derelict in his duty, inasmuch as he neglected to build fire. As she was obliged to do duty she asked for an increase in salary of \$10 a month. The matter will be looked into by the clerk, and the janitor instructed to discharge his duties in a more faithful manner.

Mr. McCracken stated that the janitors in all the schools were inclined to be negligent and suggested that they be reminded of what they are to do. Mr. Trask said that he had noticed attacks and charges on both himself and the school board which appeared in the last publication of *The People*. He thought such reflections detracted from the dignity of the public schools, as well as that of the board. Mr. Russell was questioned as to whether he had inspired the article, and he answered with considerable acerbity that he knew nothing whatever concerning its authorship. Mr. Trask stated the reason he had for believing that Mr. Russell wrote the article was because of his known and acknowledged hostility to Mr. Riley.

At this juncture the meeting was relieved of its prosy delays and the proverbial cloud no bigger than a man's hand began to assume large sized dimensions. Mr. Riley remained calm, but the ire of Mr. Russell was up and he determined to make matters interesting from that time on. As a recent, Mr. Russell did not believe Mr. Riley was in charge of the High school. "If Mr. Russell has any charges to make," said Mr. Trask, "I will appoint a committee to look into them."

Mr. Russell—Well, I would name that committee with Mr. Riley as one of the charges. Concerning his ignorance, again I would say that the principal of the High school is guilty of using slang in the presence of the pupils. I have a girl in that school, and if the same management is continued she shall be taken away.

Mr. McCracken—This cat and dog business is entirely out of place, and if there are any charges to be made against Mr. Riley let us appoint a committee to investigate them.

Mr. Trask—I have investigated this talk of slang used in the High school and find there are no more grounds for believing Mr. Riley guilty of such a breach than Mr. Russell's but, if there is to be an investigating committee, I would suggest that its labors extend to investigating Mr. Russell as well as Mr. Riley. I think these unkindly feelings are the result of envious feelings cherished by Mr. Russell toward his subordinate.

Mr. Riley—These charges made against me by the worthy superintendent are without one scintilla of truth to support them. I came to this town with the intention of doing as near right as I could and have the satisfaction of knowing that my course has in every way honorable. I took hold of the High school last Christmas at the solicitation of Mr. Russell.

Mr. Russell (jumping up excitedly)—You are a liar.

Mr. Riley—You will have to take that back right off.

Cool heads prevailed, however, and the disgraceful scene imminent was averted. Mr. Russell put on his coat and expressed his intention of withdrawing, but was warned by Mr. Riley not to go far, as there was an account between them that would have to be settled. Mr. Riley remained in his seat, and continued the course of remarks in self defense which had been interrupted by being informed that he was lying.

"The question has resolved itself into this," said Mr. Riley, "Mr. Russell or myself have got to resign from the school. No harmony can be had in a condition

of affairs like this. I have been insulted here, too, this evening, and I propose to make that man (pointing to Russell) eat his words, and I think I can make him do it."

Mr. Russell—What I said was said in the heat of passion, and I apologize to both the board and to Mr. Riley.

Mr. Trask—This quarrel must stop, and Mr. Russell must cease his talking about Mr. Riley, and if he persists I shall ask for his resignation and put the matter to a vote right now.

Mr. Russell—Mr. Russell, do you intend to comply with the wishes of the board and stop this talk about Mr. Riley?

"Well, I will speak my mind whenever and wherever I wish. Now I have a proposition to make and it is this, that both Mr. Riley and myself resign and with the agreement with the board that neither of us shall be employed by the public schools again for a term of five years.

This was not acted upon by the board, and in order to stop further dickering an adjournment was taken.

HE WON'T SIGN 'EM.

Mayor Keith Refuses to Attach His Signature to Municipal Bonds.

MISSOULA, Nov. 2.—There were some interesting proceedings at the council meeting to-night. When the order of unfinished business was reached, Mayor Keith announced that he had refused to sign the contract for the sale of the city bonds to Frank G. Higgins because he considered it illegal, and gave as his reason that the city would not get par for the bonds, and the manner of depositing the money was illegal. Mr. Higgins rose and said he had taken other steps, and there would be no trouble until the bonds came to be signed. If the mayor refused to sign them, he would take steps to make him sign. "Under the circumstances," said the mayor, "I shall refuse to sign them."

Alderman Kline remarked that the mayor had told him at least twice that he considered it advisable to sell the bonds at 1 or 2 per cent. discount. The mayor admitted that he had said so, provided the city could not sell them to better advantage.

"If it is legal to sell them at 2 per cent. discount," said Alderman Kline, "it is legal to sell them at 30 or 40 per cent. discount."

Mr. Higgins said there was something behind legality in this question. It was a question as to which bank was to hold the money. He was willing to fight it out on purely legal grounds. It was the mayor's business to do what the aldermen ordered him to do, and if they passed over his veto he had got to sign or get out of office. The mayor rapped on the table and requested Mr. Higgins to sit down, which he did. Alderman Kline made some pointed remarks, saying among other things that he thought the council had something to say in this matter. The audience applauded him slightly. After further talk a copy of the contract which Mayor Keith had refused to sign was produced by Mr. Higgins and read by the clerk. At the end were attached the names of seven or eight aldermen representing the city. Their signatures being attested by the city clerk and sealed with the city seal. It looks as if mandamus proceedings were in prospect.

AS GOOD AS EVER.

John Maguire Plays "Snorky" in Capital Style—To-night's Performance.

BUTTE, Nov. 2.—It was a well filled house that greeted John Maguire to-night as Joe Snorky in "Under the Gaslight." The audience was composed of Mr. Maguire's friends and they demonstrated their friendship by hearty applause to Mr. Maguire's clever acting. The veteran in fact, showed that he is as much at home on the stage as in the box office and that he belongs to the class of actors that are born and not made. Mr. Maguire consented to take the part of Snorky to supply the place of one of the leading members who is sick, and took it with the ability of an artist. Considering that his work to-night was done with a single rehearsal, his performance was marvelous. The enthusiasm of his friends, brought Mr. Maguire before the curtain at the end of the fourth act, and he responded to the applause in a graceful speech. The show will be repeated to-morrow night. Election returns from the East will be read from the stage.

A Star Chamber Session.

BUTTE, Nov. 2.—The police commission held another of its star chamber sessions this evening. Just why it is that the public should not know what goes on in the police commission as well as what goes on in other meetings of its officials has never been explained. The session lasted two hours, at the end of which time a member of the commission stated that nothing whatever had been done. It is learned that Officers Cantwell and Scott were before the commission and it is stated that complaints were made against them on account of the arrest of a man named McGowan a few nights ago. The charge was that unnecessary brutality was used and also that McGowan had \$5 in his clothes and when released only got back \$31. This was investigated by the commission, but no sufficient evidence was adduced to show that the officers had done anything wrong.

Electricity at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Nov. 2.—The first serious accident to result in this city on account of electric wires occurred late this afternoon on Riverside avenue in front of the postoffice. A telephone wire had burned in two and fallen across one of the trolley wires of the Spokane Street Railway company. The trolley wire was in turn burned in two, and fell to the ground. A passing team ran into it, when there was a streak of flame and both horses fell, one being killed almost instantly, while the other was not seriously injured. The driver jumped from the seat and was attempting to remove the harness to extricate the horse, when a warning shock caused him to desist. A vagrant dog ran up to see what was the matter, stepped on the prostrate wire, gave a yelp and fell dead. The current was turned off and thousands of people filed the street.

Shot a Desperado.

SPOKANE, Nov. 2.—A special to the *Evening* says: Harry Jones, a well-known saloonkeeper and member of the city council, shot and killed Frank Charette, a half breed, this afternoon in Jones' saloon. The shooting was the result of an old feud. Both men are well known in the community, Jones being very popular and highly respected. Charette was raised in the Colville valley. He is a notorious character and has participated in several exciting and shooting scrapes. He leaves a wife and family of small children.

TO-DAY'S BIG BATTLE

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erat will succeed Senator Wilson, who died shortly before adjournment of the last congress.

In New Jersey.

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 2.—State senators are to be elected in seven counties. They will vote for a successor to United States Senator Blodgett, democrat. Four of these counties are always democratic. The republicans hope to carry the other three. In the assembly they expect to gain at least two members. They also hope to regain several members in districts which went democratic unexpectedly last year. The next assembly probably will be 38 to 23 in favor of the democrats. Allen L. M. McDermott, chairman of the democratic state committee, is confident they will elect all seven of the senators, which would make the senate 18 democrats and five republicans.

In Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 2.—The election in this state to-morrow is for the purpose of electing the entire of the house delegates and half of the senate. No state question is involved. The republicans as a party have refrained from placing candidates in the field, though here and there a republican or independent may be found. The democratic candidates in the main are alliance men, and while some are nominated for that reason, others are not. It is safe to say the democrats will carry at least 70 counties in the state, and a majority of the senatorial districts, but the majority of those elected will probably be in sympathy with the alliance.

In Mississippi.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 2.—In this state to-morrow there will be held the first election under the new constitution. The legislature to be elected will hold office for four years, and will elect two United States senators, but as most of the candidates have been instructed by Walhall and George, they doubtless will be their own successors. Three railroad commissioners are also to be elected. There is little opposition to the democratic nominees. The alliance, however, nominated candidates for the legislature in a few counties.

TO FILL VACANCIES.

Six Congressmen to Be Elected in the Different States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Six congressmen are to be chosen in the state elections to-morrow. Three of the former incumbents were republicans, three democrats. There are four vacancies in New York state in the Second district; the vacancy caused by the resignation of David A. Goody, democrat, is to be filled. The candidates are: Mayor Chapin of Brooklyn, democrat, and Henry Bristow, republican. There is a vacancy in the Tenth district, caused by the death of General Spaulding, democrat. The candidates are W. Bourke Cockran, democrat; James B. Townsend, republican; John Hauser, social labor. In the Twelfth district the vacancy was caused by the resignation of R. P. Flower, democrat, who is running for governor. The candidates for his place are William McPhee, republican; Joseph J. Little, democrat; John J. Fitch, social labor; David Devaney, county democrat.

In the Twenty-second district the vacancy was caused by the resignation of L. W. Russell, republican. The candidates are Gen. R. Curtis, republican; Wilbur F. Porter, democrat. In the Fifth Michigan district a successor to Melbourne H. Ford, republican, deceased, will be chosen. The candidates are John F. Lawrence, democrat; Charles F. Belknap, republican. In the Second district, South Dakota, a successor to John R. Gamble, deceased, will be chosen. The candidates are John L. Jolley, republican; J. M. Woods, democrat; Henry Smith, independent.

Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The following statement of the standing of the public debt was issued to-day:

Interest bear debt	\$ 585,024,720
Increase during month	2,000
Debt on which interest ceased	2,915,429
Decrease	389,474,229
Debt bearing no interest	1,104,467
Ag. register interest and non-interest bearing debts	980,290,976
Decrease	4,023,527
Cash in treasury, gold coin and bullion	965,074,742
Silver dollars subsidiary bullion and trade dollar bars	410,116,768
Bonds, minor coins, debentures of other floor's balance, deposits in national banks	20,874,761
Aggregates	740,530,559
Demand liabilities, gold, silver and currency certificates and treasury notes	500,770,410
Disbursing officer's balance for redemption in current bank notes, etc.	40,478,929
Gold reserve in current bank notes, etc.	100,000,000
Net cash balance	29,671,120
Aggregate	740,530,559
Cash balance in treasury Sept. 30, 1914	144,287,368
Cash balance in treasury Oct. 31, 1914	144,287,368
Decrease during month	5,316

THE OLD STORY.

Talk About a New Republican Paper at Missoula.

MISSOULA, Nov. 2.—The case of the State vs. Tillman et al., was called in the district court this morning. There are some half dozen defendants charged with illegally branding a colt with intent to steal it. There is a movement on foot to establish a republican newspaper here. Just who is interested in it is not known but it is sufficient to know that a prominent republican was approached today by ex-Senator Rutherford and requested to take stock. The Ladies' union of the Congressional church meets at Mrs. Landers to-morrow. Tea will be served at 7:30 p. m.

A Dishonest Transaction.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—In April last S. R. Howell, a big lumber merchant of this city, with branches at Omaha and elsewhere, turned over his property to the First National bank of this city, to which he was indebted to the amount of \$300,000. Later the North Wisconsin Lumber company brought suit for \$50,000, claiming the transaction with the First National bank was collusion and to the detriment of outside creditors. Judge Brewer, before whom the case was tried, decided that the action amounted to a voluntary assignment. The case was taken to the appellate court which today reversed that decision. The effect of this decision is that \$200,000 will go to legitimate creditors.

HE GOT THE MONEY.

A Butcher Mortars the Loss of \$500—Arrested for Forgery of Young Barnum.

GREAT FALLS, Nov. 2.—H. D. Daniels swore out a warrant this afternoon for the arrest of Louis Kirchman on a charge of forgery. Daniels runs the Armington meat market at Armington, situated on the Belt Mountain branch of the Great Northern, about 22 miles from this city. It appears that Kirchman has been in Daniels' employ for some time, and was about to enter into partnership with him. They had some trouble yesterday, and Kirchman came to Great Falls yesterday and drew \$270 from the First National bank. The bank officials cashed the check, thinking him one of the partners of the firm. Shortly after the money had been drawn Daniels arrived in the city. Finding that the money had been taken from the bank, he swore out a warrant and placed it in the hands of the sheriff. The alleged forger has not yet been apprehended.

Edward Barnum, the young man arrested yesterday afternoon charged with robbery of the United States mails, was brought before Commissioner Pomeroy at 11 o'clock this morning for preliminary hearing. Barnum demanded an immediate examination and his hearing was set for 3 o'clock next Thursday afternoon. The prisoner's bail was fixed at \$2,500, and as he has so far been unable to secure that amount he still lies in jail. Barnum denies his guilt and says he will produce evidence of innocence when the proper time comes. On the other hand the postal officials disagree with him and claim to have positive proof of his guilt. The final result of the case will be watched with intense interest. United States Marshal Furry left for Helena this afternoon, but will return Thursday to be present at the hearing of Barnum.

Nashville Races.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 2.—Six furlongs—Borals won. Ithen second, Sydney third. Time, 1:16 1/4. One mile and twenty yards—Huncme won. First Lap second, Conquest third. Time, 1:09 1/4. Free handicap, one mile and a sixteenth—Ethel Gray won, Van Buren second, Rorka third. Time, 1:30. Free handicap, six furlongs—Great Hopes won, Goldstone second, K. K. third. Time, 1:17. Nine sixteenths of a mile—Tom B. won. Forest second, Sophie third. Time, 1:34 1/4.



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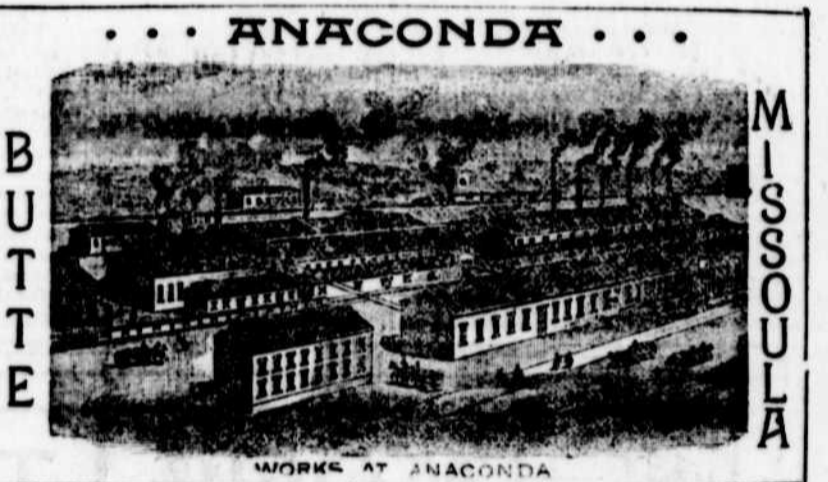
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